# TOWN OF BRENTWOOD 2021 A YEAR IN REVIEW



Town of Brentwood Council (2021-2023)

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December 31, 2021

#### Dear Residents of Brentwood:

The New Year is here and as your Mayor, I'm happy to report that our community has continued to find new ways to grow and thrive despite the many challenges of the past year.

Brentwood grew into a safer and cleaner place to live with the completion of our first major sidewalk repair project in many years, plus we worked with the County to clear multiple stormwater channels to reduce flooding and protect the lives and properties of our residents. This year also saw several beautification projects including the



restoration of forgotten parks and neglected alleyways-areas that will provide green space and recreation to our residents in the future.

This was the year that we finally secured the additional funding needed to not only begin work on the New Town Center but see the work completed. A New Town Center that provides community space to our residents alongside administrative workspace is on track to become a reality in only a year from the now-a dream that began more than 12 years ago.

We also welcomed new staff to support our residents, including a Lead Code Enforcement Officer and Town Administrator. Our Police Department is leading by example, by partnering with neighboring Towns to be one of the first Police Departments in the nation to provide mental health services for our officers and residents in need.

Putting people first has always been my passion, and I'm proud to report that this year we found many different ways to support our residents. Rental relief workshops, weekly food distributions, direct financial assistance to those impacted by COVID-19, free covid vaccination clinics, and several holiday assistance programs provided our residents with the resources they needed to stay healthy and well.

We have done good work but there is still much more to accomplish. My wish for you and your family is that 2022 brings us health and happiness and that we continue to grow into a proud and prosperous community.

Sincerely,

Rocio Treminio-Lopez, Mayor



#### New Town Center (Old Firehouse)

- Due to the extended delay with the demolition permit from Prince George's DPID office, the Town Center WSSC & Washington Gas permits expired, but the Permits are being renewed
- The Town financing from the State of Maryland's Local Government Infrastructure Financing has been approved
- Town Hall construction is scheduled to begin mid-January 2022

#### Public Work Projects

• Windom Road Sewer line has been cleaned to reduce flooding





• 34th & Windom





- Sidewalk Repairs Phase 1-Grace Management has completed 90% of the repairs
- Phase II of the Sidewalk Repair Project is scheduled for the fiscal year 2022-2023







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December 2021



• Volta Avenue Guard Rails have been removed





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• Perry St & 4400 Rhode Island Ave Paper Allies have has been addressed







## Parks Department

• Bartlett Park-The Town has replaced all the lights & trimmed limbs to improve safety







• Veterans Memorial Park- PW has been updated the park that includes new grass







• Pocket Park-Phase I-VM Leggin, volunteers & PW updated Pocket Park



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#### **Grants**

Police Department Grants earned in 2021
• Edward J Byrne Grant-Body Camera\$12,973
Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention and Youth Services Community
Policing Grant\$4,985
• Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention and Youth Services-Police Recrui
and Retention Grant\$12,750
• Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention & Youth Services – State Aid for
Police Protection\$25,493
• Local Government Insurance TrustBody Camera\$5,000
Administration Grants earned in 2021
Maryland State Revitalization Grant for 2021 for Town Center \$250,000

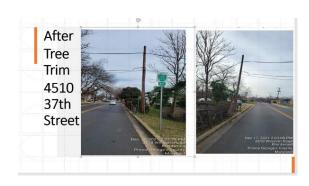
#### Tree Canopy

- The 2021 Arborist Tree Inventory Study is at this <u>link</u>
  - TOB has 148 public trees & each tree has been assessed a number & has been assigned a red, yellow & green designation for assessment for repairs or treatment
  - Each red or yellow tree will be addressed during the fiscal year 2022-2023



• 4510 37<sup>th</sup> Street Tree Trim







• Perry Street & Cedar Croft tree has been removed



## PEPCO EV Recharge Station

• TOB & PEPCO have finalized the plan to install two (2) EV stations at Town Hall





## Town Staff

- Administration
  - May 2021-A New Town Administrator was hired
  - Oct 2021-Code Enforcement Officer was promoted to Lead Code Enforcement Officer
- June 2021 Maintenance was rebranded Public Works to reflect the work done by staff





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#### **Economic Development**

- The TOB in June 2021 revitalized the Brentwood Buinsees Network (BBN)
  - The BBN has hosted three (3) networking morning meetings with local area businesses with a guest speaker to assist local businesses
  - The next BBN Networking is a Joint venture with the Town of Colmar Manor and the meeting is scheduled for *Tuesday*, *January 25*, *2021*, *from 5: 30 PM-8 PM*

#### **Communications & Marketing**

- **Ceremonial Services (new)** In November 2021 the Town now provides residents with ceremonial documents for events & visitors
  - 1. Anniversary Letter
  - 2. Wedding Anniversaries
  - 3. Birthday Letter 70+ years
  - 4. Eagle Scout/Girl Scout
  - 5. Honorary Citizenship
  - 6. Letter of Condolence

- 7. Letter of Congratulations
- 8. Letter of Greetings
- 9. Letter of Welcome
- 10. Proclamations
- 11. Retirement Letter
- **Social Media (new)** In June 2021 the Town launched a Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and general Town email address
  - As of December 2021
    - Facebook @BrentwoodmdTownhall
      - 384 Friends (+9)
    - Instagram @brentwoodmdtownhall
      - 44 Posts (+2)
      - 134 Followers (+4)
      - 65 Following (+10)
    - Twitter @BrentwoodMd
      - 124 Following (+21)
      - *32 Followers (0+)*
- Notary Public (new)
  - Town Staff has four (4) notaries and has assisted with 59 notaries between June 1, 2021–December 20, 2021, for visitors & residents